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1. As of 15 March 1951 casualties of the Chinese Communist 38 Army in Korea were over 17,000, and there were over 15,000 in the 50 Army. The 112 and 113 Divisions in the former and the 149 and 150 Divisions in the latter were hit hardest. The 38 Army was near Yonch'on (127-04, 38-06), but the 50 Army had been sent to the rear for regrouping.
2. Elements of the 3 Field Army stationed near T'unghua (125-57, 41-41) for training and reorganization as a result of heavy casualties suffered in Korea have requested company level cadres from the political department of the East China Military Area as replacements. On 24 February, 170 selected from trainees in the East China Military and Political College and in the Chinese Communist Army Officers Training Corps left Shanghai for T'unghua.*

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* Comment. [REDACTED] the Officers Training Corps was established at Soochow to indoctrinate Nationalist officers captured in the spring of 1949 by the 3 Field Army along the Shanghai-Nanking railroad or in the Shanghai area.

25X1A Comment. The use of captured Nationalist officers is indicative of a serious shortage of trained company level officers as a result of Korean casualties.

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